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CLAIMS:

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- 1. A magnetic resonance imaging system (1) comprising
 - an acquisition module (2) for acquiring first magnetic resonance signals for a central
 portion of k-space using a first resonance frequency and for acquiring second
 magnetic resonance signals for a peripheral portion of k-space using a second
 resonance frequency,
 - a data module (3) for combining first k-space data corresponding to the first magnetic resonance signals and second k-space data corresponding to the second magnetic resonance signals to form a full k-space and
 - an image module (3) for generating an image by transformation of k-space to image space.
- 2. The system as claimed in claims 1, wherein the data module (3) for combining first and second k-space data are adapted to substitute the first k-space data for part of the second k-space data to form a full k-space.
- 3. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data module (3) for combining first and second k-space data are adapted to add the first k-space data to the second k-space data to form a full k-space.
- 4. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acquisition module (2) for acquiring first magnetic resonance signals are adapted to acquire signals from protons.
 - 5. The system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the acquisition module (2) for acquiring first magnetic resonance signals are adapted to acquire signals from protons in another substance than H_2O .
 - 6. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acquisition module (2) for acquiring first magnetic resonance signals are adapted to acquire signals from non-proton nuclei.

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7. The system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the acquisition module (2) for acquiring first magnetic resonance signals are adapted to acquire signals from hyperpolarized non-proton nuclei.

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- 8. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acquisition module (2) for acquiring first magnetic resonance signals are adapted to acquire signals from electron spins.
- 9. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acquisition module (2) for acquiring second magnetic resonance signals are adapted to acquire signals from protons.
 - 10. The system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the acquisition module (2) for acquiring second magnetic resonance signals are adapted to acquire signals from protons in H₂O.

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- 11. A magnetic resonance imaging method, the method comprising the steps of
 - acquiring (9) first magnetic resonance signals for a central portion of k-space using a first resonance frequency,
 - acquiring (10) second magnetic resonance signals for a peripheral portion of k-space using a second resonance frequency,
 - combining (12) first k-space data (16, 19, 23) corresponding to the first magnetic resonance signals and second k-space data (15, 18, 22) corresponding to the second magnetic resonance signals to form a full k-space (17, 21, 24) and
 - generating (13) an image by transformation of k-space to image space.

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- 12. A computer program comprising
 - computer instructions to acquire first magnetic resonance signals for a central portion of k-space using a first resonance frequency,
 - computer instructions to acquire second magnetic resonance signals for a peripheral portion of k-space using a second resonance frequency,
 - computer instructions to combine first k-space data (17, 19, 23) corresponding to the first magnetic resonance signals and second k-space data (15, 18, 22) corresponding to the second magnetic resonance signals to form a full k-space (17, 21, 24) and

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- computer instructions to generate an image by transformation of k-space to image space,

when the computer program is executed in a computer.